

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a semi-solid metallic slurry, the apparatus comprising:

at least one sleeve with two open ends, through one of which molten metal in liquid state is loaded into the sleeve;

a stirring unit which applies to the sleeve an electromagnetic field having an intensity that does not cause dendritic particles to be created in the molten metal ~~in the sleeve~~; and

a shutter unit which closes the other end of the sleeve to form a base of the sleeve and opens the base of the sleeve to discharge a slurry after manufacture from the sleeve;

wherein said sleeve is loaded with the molten metal in the state where said electromagnetic field is applied, and said electromagnetic field is applied to said sleeve before the completion of said loading of the molten metal.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the shutter unit is a stopper fixed to the other end of the sleeve.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the shutter unit is a plunger inserted into the other end of the sleeve and moved up and down.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a pressing unit inserted into the one end of the sleeve to press the slurry in the sleeve down.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the molten metal in the sleeve is cooled until the molten metal has a solid fraction of 0.1-0.7 by weight.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a temperature control element to control the temperature of the molten metal during cooling.

7-17. (Cancelled)